According to a yet further aspect of the invention there is provided a method for selectively destroying a mononuclear phagocyte comprising attaching thereto or internalizing therein a cytotoxic, hypoxically and/or ischaemically and/or stress activated agent and exposing said mononuclear phagocyte to hypoxic and/or ischaemic and/or stress conditions that occur either artificially by induction or occur/exist naturally.

In the instance where hypoxia and/or ischaemic and/or stress occurs/exists naturally said mononuclear phagocyte migrates in a normal manner to said hypoxic and/or ischaemic and/or stress area so that the said agent is only activated at a target area. In this way the potentially deleterious effects of mononuclear phagocytes in tumours is obviated. Moreover, having regard to the nature of said agent a bystander effect may be achieved, for example where said cytotoxic agent is released on death of said mononuclear phagocyte it may have a further deleterious effect on the hypoxic and/or ischaemic and/or stress tissue, such as, but not limited to, tumour tissue.

Many of the preferred embodiments hereinbefore described represent appropriate modifications of any one or more of the above referred to further aspects of the invention.

Embodiments of the invention will now be described by way of example only with reference to the following Figures and Table wherein:

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FIGURE 1 shows the distribution of macrophages in areas of high and low

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